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## RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Sir:

Pursuant to the "Request for Information," mailed October 28, 2012, enclosed is an updated Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c)), duly executed by the corporate representative for the above-identified application, including the representative's registration number. Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Senior Petitions Attorney Shirene Willis Brantley on December 12, 2012, it is believed that the attached Petition addresses the Request, and it is believed that no fees are due. Should it be determined that any fees are necessary, authorization is given to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. Additionally, the maintenance fee payment and documents were filed on September 28, 2012 responsive to the concurrently filed Petition. Accordingly, copies of such documents were not provided with this Request for Information.

Should the Petitions Branch have any other questions, it is respectfully requested that they contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1271.

Respectfully submitted,

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